

NEWS UPDATE

**Shelby County Office of Preparedness/
Memphis & Shelby County Emergency
Management Agency**



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
(901) 515-2525

September 2, 2008 Afternoon Update

Shelter Command/Coordination: Shelby County Office of Preparedness-Memphis and Shelby County EMA Emergency Operations Center **(901) 515-2525. Bob Nations, Director**

What's New Since the Last Update?

- MIFA (Metropolitan Inner Faith Assn) needs volunteers to help put together "travel packs" for evacuees to take with them when they leave for home. Those who would like to assemble the packs should call the volunteer hotline at **(901) 324-8799**.
- The shelter information has been streamlined. See below.

More than 3000 evacuees are staying in 20 Memphis area shelters. Seven (7) shelters are for the mandatory evacuees only . Thirteen (13) other shelters are housing evacuees who voluntarily left the hurricane zone:

- Hope Presbyterian Church-8500 Walnut Grove Road
- White Station Church of Christ 1101 Colonial Road
- Bellevue Baptist Church 2000 Appling Road
- Goodman Oaks Baptist Church-1700 Goodman Road, Southaven, Mississippi
- Longview Heights Baptist Church-4501 Goodman Road, Olive Branch, Mississippi
- Southaven Multipurpose Arena-7360 Highway 51, Southaven, Mississippi
- World Overcomers Outreach Ministries Church-6655 Winchester Road at Kirby Parkway
- First Baptist Church of West Memphis, Arkansas-200 Missouri Street
- Memphis Catholic High School 61 North McLean
- Bishop Byrne High School-1475 East Shelby Drive
- Cummings Street Baptist Church-250 East Raines Road
- G.W. Henderson Senior Center-1165 Abbay Street, Tunica, Mississippi
- Marion First Baptist Church-2137 Highway 77 Marion, Arkansas

People may go to these locations or call the shelter status hotline at (901) 324-8799 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or the Emergency Operations Center at (901) 515-2525 after 5 p.m. to check on availability.

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A Word About Shelters

► Should faith-based organizations want to open a shelter, the Emergency Operations Center should be contacted. The shelter will be listed along with the others in the daily updates to the community. Also, any facility opened as a shelter should be inspected to ensure it meets building and fire codes

What's Needed From the Public?

Personal care items: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, hairbrushes, combs, adult Depends, toilet tissue, baby food, baby wipes, diapers and towels. Pens, pencils, coloring books, crayons and poster boards are also needed. Donated supplies may be dropped off at a warehouse at 994 South Bellevue between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or at the Red Cross at 1400 Central Avenue during business hours

THERE IS NOT YET A NEED FOR DONATED CLOTHES

Volunteers: Volunteers are **NEEDED** to help during the relief effort to work at area shelters seeing the needs of evacuees and serving food. People are also needed to build travel packets for the evacuees to take when they leave for home. Call the volunteer hotline **(901) 324-8799** between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for information

Pets: Are not allowed in the Shelters. "Service dogs" with evacuees are permitted in the shelter. The Memphis Humane Society-935 Farm Road at Shelby Farms and Collierville Animal Shelter-603 East South Street are boarding pets

Food: Shelter food provided by Memphis City Schools. Hope Presbyterian is also serving meals throughout the day. The church is located at 8500 Walnut Grove Road. Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ at 369 G.E. Patterson Boulevard will be serving food tomorrow (September 3) from 1100 through 4:00 p.m.

Transportation: Provided by Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) buses

Area attractions: Many tourist attractions are discounting rates for evacuees. Contact the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau at **(901) 543-5375**

Crime victims: Evacuees who are victims of crime may call the Shelby County Victims Assistance Center at **(901) 543-HELP (4357)** from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The center is located at 600 Adams Avenue

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness/EMA Operations Center is open 24 hours a day. Representatives of Shelby County and Memphis City Government divisions and various community agencies are at the center monitoring the hurricane relief efforts. For questions, call **(901) 515-2525**.

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